

THE FINDON  
TIMES

LEARNING  
FOR LIFE

# CAN YOU SUGGEST A NAME FOR OUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER????

HAPPY READING!

## Highlights of TERM 2

Hello once again readers! A new term has begun and of course there must be a new student newsletter and new highlights.



As you probably have noticed we now have two new play areas. One near the new building and our brand new soccer pitch. I've seen many kids playing in these areas and loving it!

Next is The Findon Rock Band! Every 2nd Monday 12 kids head off to Lalor North at lunchtimes to play in the Findon Rock Band. They have 2 drummers, 1 person on keyboard, 3 guitarists, 1 Bass guitarist and 5 singers. So far these kids have been learning So What by Pink, Grenade by Bruno Mars and Where did our love go by the Supremes.



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House basketball is also a big success. It is really building school spirit and everyone is enjoying it. We will have more on the House Basketball and Cross Country on our sport page.



NAPLAN testing took place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. On the 10th the Year 3 and 5s did Writing and Language Conventions. The next day they did Reading and on the 12th they did Maths. I hope they all did well.

Education Week was a highlight this term as well. From the 16th to the 20th of May we had all different activities happening in the week. Some of the activities included the ILE Country Day, Findon Restaurant and much more!

Findon also held it's first ever Twilight School. Kids and parents came to have a look at our new netbook program.

The kids showed their parents all the work they had been doing and parents got a great insight into the fantastic learning that takes place with the netbooks. It was a huge success.

And last but not least we had our Year 2 Sleepover. It was a fantastic night!



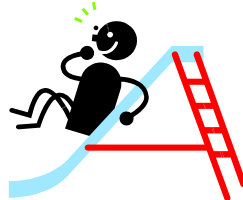
The students made pizzas for dinner in the Kitchen Garden. And for dessert they had apple pies and ice cream. After that they got their torches out and went down to the fire Miss Pool had organised! They toasted marshmallows! I'm sure they were delicious. They even had a Night Walk! They were very quiet and got to see a bat. It was exciting (and different because it was dark) walking around the school at night! And in the morning they had breakfast in the staffroom. Well done to all those Year Two's who were big and brave enough to sleep over at school!

# What's going on inside the JSC?

Here we go inside JSC to see what's happening to our school. There are a few committees who work on all different areas. The committees are Newsletter, Environmental, Fundraising and Playground. Together these committees make up the JSC. Let's see what they're up to.

## PLAYGROUND

Hi and we're the Fundraising committee. This term we've been focusing on the Friendship tree. For the friendship tree we are putting spinning disks that are going to be decorated by a few people from each class. We are also going to paint the friendship tree on the rim of the seat and make a sign. We also hope to put up proper signs for all the playgrounds and find out from you what



## ENVIROMENTAL

The environmental group have organised the clean up every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday before lunch finishes. We also organised and run the Rubbish free Wednesday which means you don't bring rubbish to school. Recently we went to a place called CERES and CERES is a workshop where some people train us on how to take care of the environment. We learnt a lot and we took back those ideas to school and we are working on keeping the school rubbish free and making our school all nice and clean. We the environmental team consists of years 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's The JSC environmental group has John Assaad, Samuel Hutton, Caleb Kennedy, Leah Wright and Isabella Pullar. So if you have any questions please see one of us.



## FUNDRAISING

We, the fundraising committee have been working on ideas for World Smiles Day. We have decided that we will be taking a picture of everybody's smile and there will also be a day were you can come out of uniform and make a smile for a gold coin donation. We are also trying to make a huge mural of smiles which is doing to look a little bit like a huge poster. Nothing is definite yet but we'll keep you posted.



# INTERVIEW WITH NICOLE

This issue's interview is with Nicole! We caught up with her and talked about the Rock Band.

**Q1: How do you think the Rock Band is going?**

**A: They're doing really good. We've learnt about 3 songs now.**

**Q2: Why did you want to have a Findon Rock Band?**

**A: Because having the Lalor North program gives the students opportunity to learn how to play instruments they couldn't learn here. It also gives them a chance to perform.**

**Q3: If you could change the name of the band what would you call it?**

**A: The Rock 'n' Rollers or the Foxy Rockers.**

**Q4: What's your favourite colour?**

**A: Black**

**Q5: What are the name's of the teachers the Rock Band works with?**

**A: There is Dino, Phillip and Lu.**

**Q6: Can you describe the place the Rock Band plays at?**

**A: Well there's 1 big room spilt in 3. The drum room at the back then the guitar room and then the singing room with keyboard and bass. There's also a room where they do recording and mixing. There's another room where they tutor music.**

**Q7: What's your favourite food?**

**A: Chocolate**

**Q8: What history do you have in music?**

**A: I have a singing background and I've learnt a little bit of guitar. I've danced for 21 years and done lots of rhythm and beat.**

**Q9: Can you tell us a little bit about the places the Rock Band will be performing at?**

**A: They will be performing at the Lalor North Big Night Out, The Findon Arts Festival, Graduation and be doing a recording as well. Thank-you Nicole for spending time with the Findon Times.**

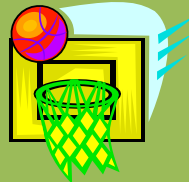
# SPORTS PAGE!

Hello once again! Welcome back to the Findon world of sports! Here we have an exclusive interview with a Findon Sporting Legend: LEAH WRIGHT! We also have the House basketball ladder (as at May 31st) and some responses from students who participated in Cross Country.

## House Basketball:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Freeman—25 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Roycroft—22 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Cuthbert—20 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Strickland—2 points**

House basketball continues on Wednesdays and Fridays. Good luck to all houses.



## Cross country interviews

Q. What did you come?

A. I came 38th [Breanna H]

Q. What did you feel?

A. Exhausted and tired [Breanna]

Q. Are you proud ?

A. Yes I'm very proud of myself  
[Breanna]

Q. What did you come?

A. I came 43<sup>rd</sup> [Chloe J]

Q. If you did it again would you run differently?

A. Definitely [Chloe]

Q. While you were running did you talk to other people in your race?

A. Yes I did. I talked to someone 3 times.

## Interview with Leah

Q1: Why are you going to Darwin?

a. Because I made it in the discus for Nationals.

q. Are you excited?

a. Yes I am very excited.

q. Who are you going with?

a. I am going to Darwin with my family.

q. Do you play any other sports?

a. Yes I play basketball and compete in Little Athletics.

# STUDENT OPINIONS

Recently, Billal talked to Findon students about their favourite place to play at school. Here are their answers.

4/5's

DF- Samuel Evans: I like to play on the oval.

MB- Caitlyn: On the new play area with the checkerboard.

LG-Justin: I like to play on the synthy grass

6's

LD-Sarah V: Basketball courts

LD-Vanessa: The soccer pitch

SW-Gegani: The Synthy Courts

YC-Isabella: The Synthy Courts

2/3's

NP-Thomas: Red slide

RM-Emily: I just walk around the school

KS- Claudia: Near the basketball court

Prep/1's

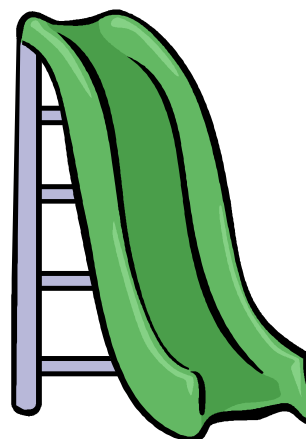
JF-Adam: On the green slide

NA-Olivia: On the green slide

KH-Harvey: The Synthy Courts



Fresh Promotions



Do you have a strong opinion about something going on at Findon? Please write to us and share your thoughts. You can submit your opinion to your JSC representative.

# Games Page

## Australian history word search

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## Jokes

Q: What does a rain cloud wear under its raincoat?

A: Thunderwear

Q: What kind of dance do you do on a trampoline?

A: Hip-Hop

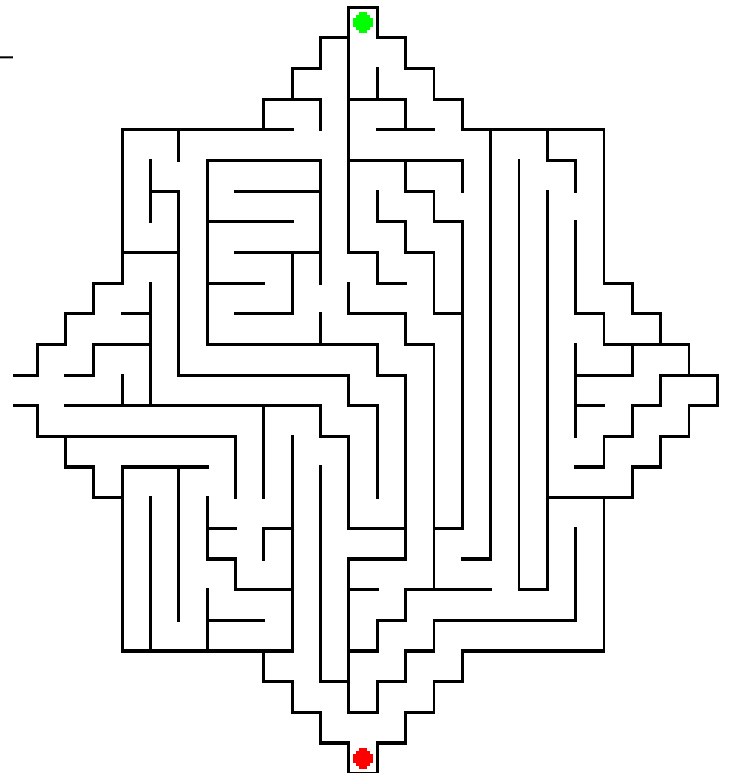
Q: Why did the orange cross the road?

A: To show his girlfriend how to play squash

## Difficulty- Hard

### Words

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SHILLINGS  
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SOLDIERS  
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UNION JACK  
JOSEPH BANKS  
BARREN**



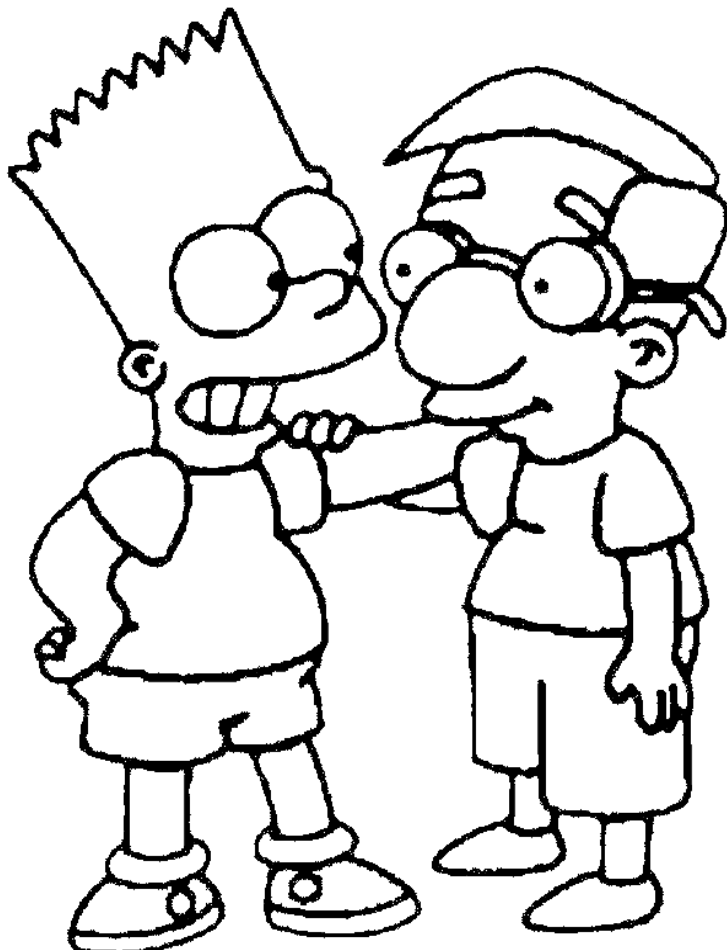
Can you escape the minotaur's labyrinth before he catches up and destroys you?!



# COMPETITION PAGE

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## COLOUR IN!!!



If you think that you can colour this picture in really well and you can solve the Sudoku, send your competition entries in an envelope saying your name, grade and marked Competition Page to me, Leah Wright in Yoong's grade. (To enter the COLOUR IN Comp you have to come and see me and I will give you a colour in sheet.)

Good Luck!

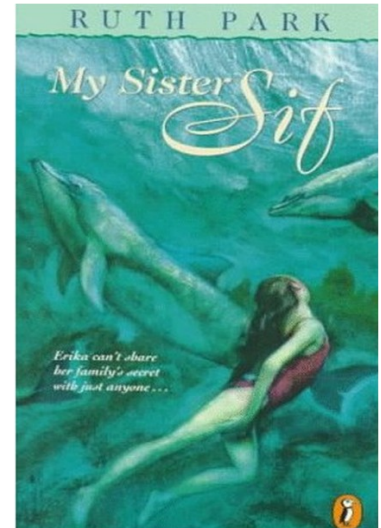
## REVIEWS / PIECES OF WRITING

# My Sister Sif!!!

This is a great mind blowing book. In parts it is both happy and sad. Just when you fall in love with everything and everyone, the unexpected occurs. Terrible and tragic events start to take place.

Don't fall in to the trap and judge this book too early, it takes time to get into it; this is one of the BEST books in the world. It's a story about the sweet fragile Sif, Riko's sister and the melodramatic, dangerous and breathtaking adventures of Riko's life. Enjoy the mystery and adventure in this dramatic book, written by Ruth Park.

By Clare Freeman: 4/5 CM



# OUT OF THIS WORLD!

This mind blowing, creative and fantastic book by Susannah McFarlane is definitely worth a read.

Out of this world is part of a several book series and in my opinion, the best one by far. The books are based on the main character, Emma Jacks who comes part of a secret agency called SHINE and goes on some amazing missions to save the world and stop another agency called Shadow, who are evil-doers. In Out of this world, Emma (Secret Agent name EJ12) goes into space in a SHINE rocket to try and stop Shadow from stealing SHINE's top-secret satellite. If EJ12 doesn't stop Shadow all of SHINE's secrets will be revealed! I don't want to give away too much so if you want to find out more I'm afraid you'll have to read the book!

When I read 'Out of this world' I felt excited and was always on the edge of my seat. I'd recommend reading it and also the whole EJ12 Girl hero series. They are very fun to read!

BY ALYSSA NEWSTEAD 6LD

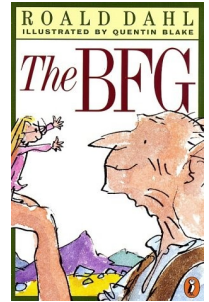




# THE BFG

I never read the BFG by Roald Dahl as a kid and now that I've read it as an adult, I can't understand why. This is a fantastic book by one of the world's great story tellers. Roald Dahl creates characters that are unique and entertaining. He also invents words and concepts that every reader will wish were part of everyday life. Who wouldn't want to choose the dream they were going to have that night? In the BFG, Sophie, a little orphaned girl sets out to save the lives of children everywhere by creating a special dream for the Queen of England. And how does she do that you might ask...with the help of the Big Friendly Giant of course. This is a glorumptious tale filled with adventure. You'll love every page of this whizpopping novel.

By Mr Fromm



## Earthquake Poem

All day long disaster strikes,  
Nowhere is safe not even at night,  
Worry and stress runs through the souls,  
Lots of huge and giant holes,  
It's always scary, always a fright,  
And in the dark there is no light,  
Death and despair is all around,  
There is loads of broken ground,  
Sadness creeps through the air,  
People are wishing loved ones were there,  
A voice from the deep is faintly heard,  
Hope is a dove and a dove is a bird,  
Someone is escaping through the rubble,  
Surrounded by family like an airtight bubble.  
- ANONYMOUS FINDON STUDENT



## GO GIRL! Sister Spirit

Go Girl books are fantastic! I've almost read all of them and so far, I love all of them! One of my personal favourites was "Sister Spirit".

Sister Spirit is about a young girl named Cassie. Cassie's older sister Hannah, is jealous of her because of how cute she is. So Hannah decides to give her sister a haircut to make Cassie look her age. But remember, if you cut hair that's tied up in pigtails, you end up with some long bits and some REALLY short bits! Uh oh! But soon enough, Cassie finds a very useful secret, that can help her get her sister to like her again.

By Priya Rajiv



**Findon Times**

Don't forget,  
we're looking  
for a new  
name for the  
student  
newspaper.  
Please pass  
on ideas to  
Natalie in LD.

**Thanks for reading our second student newsletter. We hope you enjoyed it. We'll have even bigger and better surprises in Issue 3!!**

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**THANKS AGAIN!!!**

